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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending lower in the West and East, but unchanged in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady in the East, but barely steady to weak elsewhere. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, at times moderate and improved, with some optimism for upcoming first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair at best with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Boneless skinless breasts were better balanced to readily available, but all other parts were fully adequate to instances burdensome and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	40.00-67.00	59.21	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-70.00	47.00-75.00	68.23	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
981	63.00-72.00	69.76

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	157.00	1,165
BREASTS - B/S	131.00	5,438
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,252
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,217
WINGS	102.00	2,655

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Negotiated delivered prices on whole broiler/fryers into the Chicago area for next week were unchanged from Monday's majority prices. Offers were fully sufficient for the barely steady to at times steady market tone. Weekend retail and food service activity was slow to moderate with slight improvement reported in all markets. Best draw noted into aggressive retail advertisements and fast food where promoted. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts adequate; all other parts were available to burdensome and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall about steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was fair at best with hopes that next week's first of the month will improve interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was limited to fair. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to ample with discounted prices having very little effect on movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN Preliminary majority prices 1 cent lower throughout the region. Early reported trading for next weeks' deliveries mixed, with regular commitments at generally lower prices. Offerings ample for full trade needs. Buyers' interest centered on regular commitments. Retailer demand was best where promoted elsewhere only fair. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and was noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in-breasts, tenders, wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were readily available and slow to clear.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was generally noted as fair. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for both immediate and early next week's delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, offerings remained fully adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Boneless/skinless breasts were generally noted as moving into a closer, better balance with inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/25/06-09/29/06 (A)
	09/26/05-09/30/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/25/06-09/29/06 (A)
	09/26/05-09/30/05 (A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	749	98.00-175.00	-	109.07	559	100.00-180.00	-	112.92	3,590	106.87	
TENDERLOINS	196	92.00-162.00	-	107.64	138	98.00-175.00	-	106.09	880	104.82	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				426	77.15	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				320	55.41	
LEGS	203	30.00-45.00	31-32	32.56	TOO FEW TO REPORT				835	32.39	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	582	20.00-27.00	24-25	24.39	557	21.00-27.00	24-25	24.61	2,864	24.49	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	994	22.00-31.00	26-27	26.69	989	23.00-31.00	26-27	26.31	4,262	26.41	
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	92.00-103.00	94-96	96.02	317	92.00-102.00	94-96	96.48	1,447	98.10	
WINGS (CUT)	235	115.00-123.00	-	117.55	285	110.00-121.00	113-116	114.65	1,190	118.58	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				403	32.64	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				261	31.23	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				369	78.73	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS											
TRADING FOR SEP 28, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.											
<u>RANGE</u>					<u>RANGE</u>					<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE						
36.00 - 42.00					38.00 - 42.00					39.92	
39.63					40.31						

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest remained light to fair at best as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate; bone-in breasts, tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady for boneless skinless breasts; barely steady to weak for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG				CURRENT NEG				WEEKLY	
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	108.07	783,519	BREAST - B/S	115-120	113.21	695,680	109.98	3,300,960
TENDERLOINS	110-115	112.94	161,720	TENDERLOINS	105-110	118.38	126,400	116.16	842,367
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	83.40	48,000	BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	82.82	48,560	81.96	298,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	68.67	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	70	68.00	90,000	71.55	399,600
LEGS	39-40	39.09	195,700	LEGS	39-40	40.30	133,120	40.50	749,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.67	321,280	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.68	250,000	29.94	1,427,400
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	39.47	103,840	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.10	83,520	38.37	440,320
THIGHS	30-31	37.47	65,720	THIGHS	29-30	38.18	58,000	39.38	272,920
B/S THIGHS	82-83	87.05	101,720	B/S THIGHS	80-81	85.08	115,200	87.51	527,010
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.18	236,440	WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	106.67	255,380	107.03	1,160,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.57	26,720	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.60	20,400	11.73	106,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.74	15,960	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.92	16,160	28.82	84,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.98	22,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	49.43	33,920	51.40	114,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/29	09/28	09/27	09/26	09/27	09/26	09/22	09/20
Alabama	4,856	4,273	3,932	3,920	5.49	5.56	4,682	5.47
Arkansas	4,513	5,374	5,320	5,194	5.41	5.37	4,469	5.37
Delmarva	2,237	2,253	2,287	2,559	5.72	5.75	2,274	5.76
KY-LA-TN	2,585	2,387	2,378	2,376	5.16	5.16	2,683	5.16
Mississippi	2,808	2,894	2,785	2,838	6.02	5.88	2,986	6.01
North Carolina	2,566	2,679	2,613	2,623	6.85	6.76	2,626	6.81
Texas	2,547	2,539	2,562	2,560	5.38	5.46	2,265	5.39
Total	22,112	22,399	21,877	21,772	5.68	5.67	21,985	5.66
Mon-Fri	110,900(A)				109,712(A)			
Saturday	1,384(included in total for date shown)				583			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Sep-06 and 30-Sep-06 is estimated to be 33,082,000 head up 0.28 percent from a week ago and down -4.33 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,991,000, last year 34,578,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 30-Sep-06 is estimated to be 165,271,000 head down 0.29 percent from a week ago, and up 1.55 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,750,000, last year 162,749,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-103
ICE PACK	110-114
DRY PACK	100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111-118
ICE PACK	88-102
DRY PACK	102-109
HENS OVER 5#	185-190
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 23-Sep-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	45,348	84,922	18,623	16,857	165,750
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	7.01	8.08	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,683	91,524	24,754	10,551	166,512
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.39	7.04	8.15	5.45
% of total /1	24%	55%	15%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,894	85,511	29,368	8,628	165,401
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.31	7.01	8.28	5.30
% of total /1	25%	52%	18%	5%	100%

To date/2006 1,768,327 3,024,758 864,035 475,353 6,132,473

To date/2005 1,811,357 2,979,787 997,483 331,758 6,120,385

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Sep-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06	6.45
Last week	166,512	970	1,542	2,512	546
Same wk yr ago	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758	475
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85	6.73
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791	19,114
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039	18,798

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.8 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September 2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
23	167.8	164.6	102%	5.49
Year to date	6206.9	6225.6	100%	
September 30		164.5		
October 7		164.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/30/06	09/23/06	% CHG	10/01/05	% CHG
Broilers	165,271	165,750*	-0.29	162,749*	+1.55
Cattle	639	655	-02	611*	+05
Hogs	2,142	2,133	0	2,081*	+03

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-67.50	65.00-66.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-87.50	72.00-76.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64 - 85.05

14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39

16 OZ. 74.88 -106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remain unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were in good balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-SEP-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - September 26, 2006

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .90
Chukars	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.05 - .10
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.07 - .12
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.07 - .12
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.25 - .30
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.20 - .30
Guinea Fowl	- .01 ea.
Banty Roosters	.75 - 1.00 ea.
Banty Hens	.10 - .50 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 3.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.50 - 8.50 ea.
Goats	35.00 - 50.00 ea.
Doves	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - .90

Total Coops Sold 416

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was no better than fair. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady at best.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was limited and too few to report. Demand was light for ample offerings. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were easily adequate to fully adequate. Demand was reported as usually light to instances moderate and centered around previously scheduled commitments. Processing schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-11	6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant Schedules were moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the at least adequate to instances ample offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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